Reply to Office Action dated December 1, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-26 and 33-36

stand rejected over cited art. The Examiner has acknowledged allowable subject

matter in claims 27-32 but has objected to such claims as being dependent upon a

rejected base claim, noting that such claims would be allowable if rewritten.

In this Reply, claim 27 is rewritten in independent form and is thus allowable.

Claims 28-32 depend from claim 27 and are thus allowable. Claims 1-26 and 33-36

are canceled.

4.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the

application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request issuance of

a Notice of Allowance. If any issues remain, the undersigned requests a telephone

interview prior to the issuance of an action.

Respectfully submitted,

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